

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The third full paragraph of page 15 has been amended as follows:

In the tamperproof screw ~~[[14A]]~~ 10A of the present embodiment, which is constructed as described above, substantially vertical side wall portions 14b of the step portions 14 which have an appropriate relief taper are respectively formed in the adjacent grooves of the bit engaging grooves 12 as shown in Figures 1 and 2. Accordingly, these side wall portions 14b of the step portions 14 contact and engage with the side wall portions 22b of the vane portions 22 of a screwdriver bit 20, which is described later, so that smooth screw tightening can be accomplished.

The fourth full paragraph of page 15 has been amended as follows:

Accordingly, in the tamperproof screw ~~[[14A]]~~ 10A of the present embodiment, which is constructed as described above, since the step portions 14 and the wall portions 12b that are substantially vertical (shown by solid lines) or that are recessed (shown by broken lines) are formed in the end edge portions of the bit engaging grooves 12 of the screw head 10a, and since the inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16 which reaches the bottom surface 13 is formed as a continuation, except for the step portions 14, of the inclined portions 15 from the open end edge portions 12a of the bit engaging grooves 12, a tamperproof effect can be effectively manifested so that in a case where a conventional plus type screwdriver is coupled with this screw, the screwdriver is caused to make idle rotation inside the inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16, and coupling is prevented.

The first full paragraph of page 16 has been amended as follows:

Furthermore, in the tamperproof screw ~~[[14A]]~~ 10A of the present embodiment, a tamperproof screw ~~[[14A']]]~~ 10A', as shown in Figures 3 and 4, can be formed so that it has a structure in which an inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16 that reaches the bottom surface 13 is formed as a continuation, except for the step portions 14, of the inclined portions 15 from the open end edge portions 12a of the bit engaging grooves 12, and a projecting portion 18 is formed so as to protrude from the central portion of the bottom surface 13 to a position above the step portions 14 of the bit engaging grooves 12. The other structure is the same as in the tamperproof screw ~~[[14A]]~~ 10A of the embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 2; and therefore, the

same constituent elements are labeled with the same symbols, and a detailed description of such elements is omitted.

The second full paragraph of page 16 has been amended as follows:

In the tamperproof screw [[14A']] 10A' of the present embodiment, which is constructed as described above, since the projecting portion 18, which protrudes to a position above the step portions 14 of the bit engaging grooves 12 from the central portion of the bottom surface 13 of the inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16, is formed, engagement with the step portions 14 is prevented in the case of coupling with a conventional minus type screwdriver, so that the screwdriver is caused to make idle rotation inside the inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16, thus allowing a tamperproof effect to be effectively manifested in the same manner as described above.

The first full paragraph of page 17 has been amended as follows:

Figure 6 shows a tamperproof screw [[14B']] 10B' having a structure in which an inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16 that reaches the bottom surface 13 of the bit engaging grooves 12 and a projecting portion 18 that protrudes from the central portion of the bottom surface 13 to a position above the step portions 14 of the bit engaging grooves 12 are formed in the tamperproof screw 10B shown in Figure 5 in the same manner as in the structure of the above-described Embodiment 1 shown in Figures 3 and 4. The other structure is the same as in the tamperproof screw [[14B']] 10B' of the embodiment shown in Figure 5; and therefore, the same constituent elements are labeled with the same reference symbols, and a detailed description such elements is omitted. Exactly the same effects and merits as those of the tamperproof screw [[14A']] 10A' of the above-described embodiment can also be manifested in the tamperproof screw [[14B']] 10B' constructed in this manner.

The second full paragraph of page 18 has been amended as follows:

Figure 8 shows a tamperproof screw [[14C']] 10C that has a structure in which an inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16 that reaches the bottom surface 13 of the bit engaging grooves 12 and a projecting portion 18 that protrudes from the central portion of the bottom surface 13 to a position above the step portions 14 of the bit engaging grooves 12 are

formed in the tamperproof screw 10C shown in Figure 7 in the same manner as in the structure of the above-described Embodiment 2 shown in Figure 6. The other structure is the same as in the tamperproof screw ~~[[14C]]~~ 10C' of the embodiment shown in Figure 7; and therefore, the same constituent elements are labeled with the same reference symbols, and a detailed description such elements is omitted. Exactly the same effects and merits as those of the tamperproof screw ~~[[14A']]~~ 10A' of the above-described Embodiment 1 can also be manifested in the tamperproof screw ~~[[14C']]~~ 10C' constructed in this manner.

The second full paragraph of page 19 has been amended as follows:

Figure 10 shows a tamperproof screw ~~[[14D']]~~ 10D' that has a structure in which an inverted truncated cone shape hole portion 16 that reaches the bottom surface 13 of the bit engaging grooves 12 and a projecting portion 18 that protrudes from the central portion of the bottom surface 13 to a position above the step portions 14 of the bit engaging grooves 12 are formed in the tamperproof screw 10D shown in Figure 9 in the same manner as in the structure of the above-described Embodiment 2 shown in Figure 6. The other structure is the same as in the tamperproof screw ~~[[14D]]~~ 10D of the embodiment shown in Figure 9; and therefore, the same constituent elements are labeled with the same reference symbols, and a detailed description such elements is omitted. Exactly the same effects and merits as those of the tamperproof screw ~~[[14A']]~~ 10A' of the above-described Embodiment 1 can be manifested in the tamperproof screw ~~[[14D']]~~ 10D' constructed in this manner.

The first full paragraph of page 20 has been amended as follows:

Furthermore, when a screwdriver bit 20 that has the structure described below is used for the tamperproof screw 10 of the present invention, the screwdriver bit 20 can be coupled with the side wall portions 14b of the step portions 14 that are respectively formed substantially at right angles in cross section in intermediate point of the bit engaging grooves 12 of the tamperproof screw 10; as a result, an area that is sufficient to apply the rotational driving force (~~such an area being hereafter referred to as a "driving area"~~) can be attained, "come-out" of the screwdriver bit 20 can be assuredly prevented, and torque transmission that is balanced with respect to the tamperproof screw 10 can be accomplished, so that proper screw tightening can be performed.